THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) No, Sir. At present no such proposal is under consideration of the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

(b) Does not arise.

Criteria for APEX fares

2868. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Airlines offers APEX Fares on certain sectors;

(b) the criteria for selecting routes; and

(c) the reasons for discriminating against Delhi-Visakhapatnam and Hyderabad-Vizag Sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The criteria considered while deciding the sectors for introduction of APEX fares are market considerations such as market size and its potential, capacity deployment, fares offered by the competitors, seasonality etc.

While Apex fares are available on Hyderabad-Visakhapatnam sector, these have not been introduced on Delhi-Visakhapatnam sector, keeping in view the above criteria.

New convention and exhibition centre at Mumbai

2869. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether during the 68th Board meeting of Airports Authority of India, held on 14th July, 2003 it was decided to form a Public Limited Company for setting up of international level Convention and Exhibition Centre at Mumbai Airport; and

(b) if so, the details and the justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) Yes, Sir.